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SUBJECT: LAO REFUGEE PROGRAM

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- 1. EMBASSY REFUGEE SECTION HAS JUST COMPLETED AUDIT OF ENTIRE "A" NUMBER ISSUE RECORDS. TO DATE, 2,930 NUMBERS HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO LAO REFUGEES UNDER SUBJECT PROGRAM. TO DATE, 133 NUMBERS HAVE BEEN WITHDRAWN AND ARE NOW FREE FOR REISSUE BECAUSE OF RECENT DECISION ON PART OF SOME REFUGEES TO VOLUNTARILY WITHDRAW THEIR PAROLE REQUESTS. THE CURRENT TOTAL OF ACTIVE NUMBERS (NUMBERS ISSUED TO REFUGEES WHO PLAN TO GO TO THE US) IS, CONSEQUENTLY, 2,797 NOT 2,732 PREVIOUSLY REPORTED. DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THESE TWO FIGURES IS EXPLAINED BY DEIISION OF 65 REFUGEES TO REACTIVATE THEIR REQUESTS AFTER HAVING PREVIOUSLY INDICATED A DESIRE TO DROP OUT OF PROGRAM.
- 2. ASSUMPTION PARA 2 REFTEL THAT 20 NUMBERS FOR URGENT CASES HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN TOTAL 2,797 ACTIVE NUMBERS IS CORRECT. NUMBERS ISSUED TO LATE ARRIVALS FROM VIENTIANE HAVE ALSO BEEN INCLUDED IN THIS TOTAL BUT ACTUAL NUMBERS ISSUED FOR THIS GROUP IS 22 NOT 40 CITED PARA REFTEL.

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3. CURRENT PROJECTED RESERVE OF NUMBERS REQUIRED FOR

VIENTIANE USG EMPLOYEES UNDER SUBJECT PROGRAM IS NOW 228. HOWEVER, US MISSION VIENTIANE ADVISES THAT ADDITIONAL NUMBERS (UP TO A POSSIBLE 72) MAY BE REQUIRED IN EXPANDED PROGRAM TO COVER PAROLE OF FAMILY MEMBERS OF USG EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE NOT YET SURFACED.

- 4. IN SUMMARY, OUT OF 3,466 QUOTA, 2,797 ACTIVE "A" NUMBERS HAVE BEEN ISSUED, 50 NUMBERS ARE STILL RESERVED WORLDWIDE FOR TIME BEING AND 228 ARE STILL RESERVED FOR VIENTIANE. THIS LEAVES 391 NUMBERS TO BE ISSUED DURING VISIT OF INS OFFICER YOUNG ON MARCH 7-12.
- 5. RE QUESTION RAISED PARA 7 REFTEL, EMBASSY RECORDS NOW SHOW A TOTAL OF 10 CASES, (47 PEOPLE WITH "A" NUMBERS) WHO ARE STILL AWAITING VISA FALCON CLEARANCE. EMBASSY WILL SUBMIT SEPTEL NAMES AND VISA FALCON REQUEST NUMBERS FOR ALL OF THESE OUTSTANDING CASES.
- 6. DISCREPANCY CITED PARA 8 REFTEL IS EXPLAINED BY THE FACT THAT MANY BIO CABLES WERE SENT TO DEPARTMENT DURING LAST THREE MONTHS OF 1975 IN ADVANCE OF "A" NUMBERS BEING ISSUED. AS REQUESTED PARA 8 REFTEL, EMBASSY IS TRANS-MITTING SEPTEL A LIST OF ALL "A" NUMBERED LAO REFUGEES REMAINING IN THAILAND. THE SPONSORSHIP VERIFICATION PROCESS FOR ANY PRINCIPAL REFUGEE AND FAMILY NOT APPEARING ON THIS LIST SHOULD BE DISCONTINUED. THIS SHOULD ASSIST DEPARTMENT IN RECONCILING DISCREPANCY CITED ABOVE.
- 7. AS REQUESTED, EMBASSY WILL SUBMIT NAMES OF PRINCIPAL APPLICANTS TOGETHER WITH BIO CABLE AND VISA FALCON NUMBERS OF ALL REFUGEES RECEIVING "A" NUMBERS WHEN ISSUED BY INS DURING UPCOMING VISIT. INFORMATION RE NEW FREED NUMBERS CAUSED BY DROP OUTS WILL ALSO BE FORWARDED AS THEY OCCUR. WHITEHOUSE

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